



Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

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Planning Board Meeting

January 11, 2022

Present: Mitch Call, Gary Backstrom, Gerald DeBonis, Bill Joyner, Jeff Osgood

Mitch Call opened the meeting at 6:06PM.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting (DeBonis/Joyner) with Backstrom abstaining.

Bill Joyner made a statement about some of the inappropriate language and behavior at the Public Hearing on December 14th. Joyner had invited Scott Guinard, Chief of Police of Peterborough, to address this issue. Chief Guinard explained that inappropriate language and/or disruption of a lawful assembly is disorderly conduct under NH Law, and can lead to a warning or arrest.

Bill Joyner then explained that the Planning Board meeting would be run in a manner similar to Town Meeting.

Mitch Call announced that there would be a joint meeting between the Planning Board and the ZBA at 5:30 PM on February 3rd, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Nichols family request for a variance to construct a ground-mounted solar array within the 100-foot setback.

Bill Joyner read a letter written by Beth Fernald. She had written to the Board and requested that her letter be read aloud and put into the Public Record. The letter was written in response to the letter written by Fred Woodhouse and published in the January 11th Ledger. Fernald stated that when Woodhouse signed the letter "Frederick J. Woodhouse III - Sharon Select Board Chairman," he was presenting his personal views and opinions as representing the views of the Select Board. Fernald stated that this is not the case, and as such was inappropriate and misleading, and not permitted according to the NH Municipal Association.

Woodhouse acknowledged that he had written the letter as well as the anonymous pamphlet that had circulated prior to the December 14th Public Hearing.

Mitch Call announced that further discussion of the setback ordinance would be delayed and that the Article would not be presented at Town Meeting in March.

Bill Joyner explained that the Board wanted to do some further research on the issues of setbacks given the voiced concerns of the townspeople. He then passed out a chronological synopsis of setback for building lots found in the Town of Sharon. Our current setbacks of 100 feet for the

front yard and 50 feet for the side and back were established in 1992. They have remained unchanged since.

There were a number of questions from the public regarding setbacks. The Board answered the questions and dialogue proceeded in an appropriate manner. The Board will continue to work on this issue in 2022, and urged members of the public to attend meetings and participate in the process.

As there was no other old or new business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM.

The next monthly meeting of the Planning Board will be on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Osgood

Date Approved _____

Gary Backstrom

Bill Joyner

Gerald DeBonis

Mitch Call

Jeff Osgood

Scott Brown